

FAMILY DEVOTIONS CD

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Never underestimate the power of family sharing God's Word together. Our prayer is that families would connect and dig into God's Word. Truthfully, a parent or grandparent spending a few minutes sharing God's Word together speaks louder and deeper in a child's heart than the most elaborate, amazing lesson any teacher in a class could do. Family devotion is not about teaching an amazing lesson. It is about connecting as a family and showing that your family prioritizes God's Word. The power of the family devotion is in the *relationship* you have with each other. God reminds us of this power and responsibility in Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

We hope this resource will be useful to you in helping families connect with what you are doing in Bible Drill class, learn along together with you and continue learning at home. We are giving you a short devotion for each verse and Key Passage in the Blue Cycle. Each verse and Key Passage are on a single page to allow you to easily use this resource. At the top of each verse page, we listed all three versions of the verse (KJV, CSB, ESV). When you send this out to parents, make sure you use one with only your version OR that you make sure your parents know which version you want them to learn.

Some ways you could use this resource:

Each week send your families (by email or by giving out a hard copy or both) the verse(s) and Key Passage you introduce in class that week. Families could be doing family devotions on the same things you taught in class and learn the verse and Key Passage together that week. This email or copy could also serve as a reminder of what the students should be working on at home during the week.

Example of email you could send each week to parents. (You could then attach Family Devotion for the verse and Key Passage or just copy them straight into the email.)

Hey Awesome Bible Drill Parents!

We had a great time in class this week. This week we went over the books of the Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. Try to drill your driller on these books this week. We also introduced the verse Genesis 1:31 and the Key Passage, God's Covenant with Abraham. Attached you will find a devotion on Genesis 1:31 and on God's Covenant with Abraham. Take some time this week to do these two devotions as a family. Challenge each other to learn the verse and find the Key Passage together.

Have a wonderful week! We can't wait to see your child in class next week.

Love in Christ,

Jane Smith

Another option for using this resource:

Make a booklet with all the verses and key passages and send it home with families. You could then send an email or note each week letting families know which verse and key passage you did that week.

You could put the booklet together in the same order as on the verse card (which is how they are ordered here) OR put them in the order in which you will teach them. Perhaps make a content page with your schedule to go in the front. There is a wonderful sample schedule for you on the alsbom.org website. Providing a schedule for parents would also serve as a way for them to keep track of what you are doing in class in case their child misses a week.

The more you can involve families the more the kids are going to learn. And what a life changing thing for families to do together!!!

Key Passages
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1. God's Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

Key Verses – ¹Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you.
^{3b}Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

Why is it Important? – *This is the story of the first missionary. Think about what missionaries have to do? They leave their family and their country and go wherever God leads them to go.*

Lesson – If someone decides that God is asking him to be a missionary, to go somewhere to tell people about Jesus and the eternal life that He gives, he has to be willing to leave his hometown, leave his family and go wherever God tells him to go. That is what a missionary does!

God may ask you to leave your home, your family, and go somewhere to tell people about Him and His love for them. Will you do it? God will bless you, and the people who hear the message will be blessed. What God said to Abraham over 2,000 years ago He says to you today.

There is something else that we can learn from this Key Passage, and that is the difference between how God did things in the Old Testament days and how He does things now.

God made a covenant with Abraham that if Abraham would do what God asked him to do God would do something for Abraham.

Do you know what a “Covenant” is? A covenant is an agreement.

The “Old Testament” (Old Covenant) is ... if you will, I will. In this Key Passage, God said to Abraham and to His people ... “if you will do this or go there, I will bless you.”

In the New Testament (The New Covenant) God turns things around. He does not bless us after we do something, He says, “I have, now you can.” God blessed us first – He gave His Son (see John 3:16), and we can choose. There is nothing we do. We do not ‘earn,’ we just accept. It is a gift!

God's Covenant with Abraham, cont.

Application Activity – *(Provide 4 sheets of paper for each person.)*

1 - Use one sheet to make a paper doll chain of the family.

Take a piece of paper (8.5" x 11") and:

1. Fold the paper into quarters accordion (pleated) style and then cut lengthwise making two accordion booklets. (If there are less than four people in the family, use just one booklet.)
2. Draw a figure of a person on the top layer. Be sure that the arms extend beyond the edge of the folded sheet. ...
3. Cut the figure out, being careful not to cut the ends of the arms then unfold. You will get a chain of dolls holding hands.
4. Label the dolls as Mom, Dad, brothers & sisters names, and any other family living in the house.

2 - On another sheet of paper, draw your house.

3 - On the third sheet of paper draw an apartment house with a trashy street in front of the building.

4 - On the fourth sheet of paper draw a cross.

Lay the family chain and house to the left. Put the cross in the middle, and the apartment building to the right.

Say: Remember God has already done something for you. (Point to each person's cross and talk about the meaning of the cross.) Imagine that you are 26 years old and are getting married. Now God is asking you to do something for Him. He is asking you to leave your home and your extended family when you get married and go with your husband/wife to live in the old trashy apartment in a downtown area. He wants you to show by living where the people live that God loves them and wants to give them eternal life. Will you become a missionary? If you say yes, tear your paper doll from the family chain and place it over in the apartment house.

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2. A Shepherd's Song

Psalm 23

Key Verses – ⁴ I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid.
^{6b} and I will live forever in your house, LORD.

Why is it Important? – *This is a “comfort” passage. For some reason, more than even the words, this passage has a calming effect. Everyone should memorize it so that he can say it to himself when in a stressful situation.*

Lesson 1

Ask: Do any of you have a “phobia”? A “**phobia**” is an extreme, unnatural fear of something. If you have a phobia, it is not just saying, “I don't like crowds, or heights”, it is where the thing you fear makes you sick, break out in a sweat, or run. You have heard of ‘claustrophobia’ – the fear of tight places. Or ‘acrophobia’ – the fear of heights. Or ‘hydrophobia’ – the fear of water. But, have you heard of ‘bromidrosiphobia’ – the fear of body odor? That is weird! Or ‘mysophobia’ – the fear of dirt. Or ‘hadephobia’ - the fear of hell.

Seriously, there may be some places or something that causes you to be very uncomfortable. Just being uncomfortable with something isn't a phobia; but it still stresses you. Maybe to be alone, or to walk down a street at night, or to have to talk in front of a crowd, or to fly in an airplane causes you to be stressed out. When you are fearful or really stressed you will find that saying **Psalm 23** will have a calming effect on you. This is a Key Passage you should memorize in its entirety rather than just the title and location.

Lesson 2

Why is this Key Passage called “A Shepherd's Song”? Is it a song? Yes, it is. Was it written by a shepherd? Yes, it was. Is it about a shepherd? Yes and no. (It will be pointed out later why the answer is yes and no.)

The shepherd who wrote this Psalm was King David, the ancestor of Jesus' mother. A shepherd “herds” sheep. As a shepherder, the shepherd has to do a lot for the sheep. A lot more than a rancher has to do for cattle or horses.

Sheep aren't capable of defending themselves very well. They would rather run than fight because they just do not have anything with which to fight. They do not have strong legs, sharp teeth, or most of all, a will to fight.

A Shepherd's Song, cont.

Did you know that sheep can't eat cherries, acorns, tomatoes, potatoes, or rhododendron? These are just a few of the things that are poisonous to sheep. So, the shepherd has to even watch everything his sheep eat. Do they know that they should stay away from these things?

No, they will eat it if it is in front of them.

They get stressed when they are separated from the flock. They will follow a lead sheep anywhere, even into danger.

Sheep think more about food than anything else. Uh...green grass, who cares about that wolf over there????

But for a little while let's stop talking about sheep and talk about what this passage is REALLY about. Can you guess? The shepherd is God and the sheep are really us. This makes the passage like a "parable" –"an earthly story with a heavenly meaning". Let's look at PSALM 23 as we compare ourselves to sheep.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. *God will take care of us just like a shepherd takes care of every need of his sheep.*

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. *Sheep like to stay where they are; and so, the shepherd has to make them go to better pastures. They will eat the grass to the dirt and stay in that same pasture land. They do not know what is best for them. We often do not want to make changes, but God knows what is best for us. Sheep are so skittish that they are afraid to drink from moving, noisy water. We have fears that keep us from doing what may be best for us. We may not want to move out of our comfort zone; and God has to force us kicking and complaining into something better. We later look back and are glad He did. Why can't we just accept change and trust God to lead us?*

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *When sheep are stressed or hungry they do not grow as they should. Their wool even grows thinner. When things around them causes them stress, they know that the shepherd whom they trust is right there, and know his voice, and this calms them, and they will follow him out of danger or to a better place. God wants to be like that shepherd. He wants us to know that He is there with us. He wants us to know that He will lead us the right way. Doesn't it make you feel better, restore you, knowing that God is with you and that He knows what is best for you?*

A Shepherd's Song, cont.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Imagine sheep in the valley, just enjoying the food and life. On the hillside is a wolf looking for an opportunity to pounce upon the innocent little sheep. What keeps the wolf away? The shepherd with his strong rod. The shepherd's rod was made of wood that was almost as strong as iron. It was his weapon. Imagine a sheep in the nice pasture. At the edge is a cliff, and the lamb falls over, it is not capable of getting back up the cliff. The shepherd takes his staff, which has a hook on the end, and pulls the lamb back up to safety.*

This is when this Key Passage is really appreciated, when we are "scared to death". Maybe scared for our safety, maybe for our health, maybe for something that we feel will impact the rest of our life. It is not the "end" for us; but it is close - it is the "valley of the shadow" of something that seems to be really bad.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. *Not only does God take care of us like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, God does it in a way that is way over the top. He is preparing for us something like a banquet, something that will make us feel good like sweet perfume or a great cologne, more than we can imagine.*

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *Thanks to God's goodness and mercy we have peace all of our life and know that when our life on earth is over we will live in heaven forever!*

Application Activity – Draw a square on a half sheet of paper. The square should be about half the size of the paper and centered on the paper. Each person is to use their pencil or pen as a pointer, but do not draw on the paper. They are to IMAGINE that they are drawing a – a green pasture, a pond of water, a path, a valley, a shepherd's staff, a table – as they move their pencil or pen around the outside of the square as you read the passage.

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3. The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53

Key Verse – ⁵ He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.

Why is it Important? – *This passage is important because it describes much of what happened to Jesus even though it was written between 700 and 800 years before Jesus suffered and was crucified.*

Lesson – There are two ways to lead this devotion.

OPTION 1 - Have the children take turns reading Isaiah 53 and, as they do, ask them to give commentary (or you can) on the bold print parts of the verses listed below. Or, you can first read Mark 14:58 – Mark 15 to the children. Then, you can have them take turns reading Isaiah 53, stopping after the bold print verses shown below to ask for comments.

OPTION 2 - Use the selected bold print verses and give commentary by using the verses or comments from the New Testament that relate to the Isaiah verse.

DEVOTION OPTION 1 – Isaiah 53 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

¹Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him.

³**He was despised and rejected by men**, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was.

He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him.

⁴Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and **he carried our pains**; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But **he was pierced because of our rebellion**, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and **we are healed by his wounds**.

⁶We all went astray like sheep; **we all have turned to our own way**; and **the LORD has punished him for the iniquity of us all**.

The Suffering Servant, cont.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth.

⁸ He was taken away because of oppression and judgment; and who considered his fate? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.

¹⁰ Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the LORD's pleasure will be accomplished.

¹¹ After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied.

By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.

The Suffering Servant, cont.

DEVOTION OPTION 2 – Read the selected verses listed below from Isaiah and compare it to what is known from the New Testament. Notice that what Isaiah said about the suffering servant, over 700 years before Jesus was born, is what happened to Jesus.

Isaiah 53:2 “Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the LORD.”

Luke 2:52 says, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Isaiah 53:3 “He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering.”

Most of the people loved him and wanted to be near him and listen to him; but a few people were jealous of him and scare of him.

Isaiah 53:5 “He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.” And **Isaiah 53:6b** “We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.”

Isn't that true? Because of our sin He suffered and took our punishment. And because of what He did we will be made completely well. 1 Peter 2:24 says, “By His wounds you have been healed.”

Isaiah 53:7 “He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.”

Jesus could have defended himself physically or verbally, but he was not representing Himself. He was representing us. He quietly took all the things they did to him. Mark 14:60 says the high priest asked Jesus, “Why don't you say something in your own defense? Don't you hear the charges?”

Acts 8:26-40 tells of Philip the Apostle witnessing to an Ethiopian Eunuch as the two ride along in a chariot. The Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah and did not know if the prophet Isaiah was writing about himself or someone else. Philip explained that the suffering servant was Jesus. This is additional proof that Isaiah 53 is about Jesus.

The Suffering Servant, cont.

Isaiah 53:8 “He was condemned to death without a fair trial.”

The trial was at night, rushed because it was running into holy days, did not have true accusers, and did not seek to bring before the court witnesses for Jesus. Two false witnesses testified that Jesus said, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands” ([Mark 14:58](#)).

This was used as the indictment against Jesus. However, it was false. Jesus never said this! Rather, He stated, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up”

([John 2:19](#)). They portrayed Jesus as planning to destroy the physical Temple in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 53:10 “The **LORD** God decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others.” *This was said about the Suffering Servant and was true about Jesus.*

Isaiah 53:11b “Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others” *Jesus never sinned. We do sin. Jesus is the only person who can take on all sin, die for it, but have the ability and power to live again.*

Isaiah 53:12 “The **LORD** will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.”

There is so much commentary for this passage that it would be better if you read it from:

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/guzik_david/StudyGuide_Isa/Isa_53.cfm

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4. The Twelve Apostles

Matthew 10:2-4

Key Verses – ¹ Jesus called together his twelve disciples. He gave them the power to force out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and sickness. ² The first of the twelve apostles was Simon, better known as Peter. His brother Andrew was an apostle, and so were James and John, the two sons of Zebedee. ³ Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

Why is it Important? – *Jesus called the apostles out to be different from all other people around him. AND he equipped them by giving them special power. The main feature of the list is its diversity. Jesus chose His disciples from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences. It seems that about all they had in common was that none of them was privileged or from backgrounds of high status. They were just common folk. They were not princes, or important people, or powerful. They were fishermen, a tax collector, and followers of other ordinary occupations. They were ambitious, hard-working; but apparently, they possessed no extraordinary skills or talents. They were most remarkably like the best of any stable community anywhere on earth.*

Lesson – We all can be disciples of Jesus Christ, just like these 12 were; but we cannot become apostles. Jesus had many, many disciples (followers who learned from him); but from the many he chose twelve to give something extra and to require something extra from them.

In Luke 6:13 it says, **“When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:”** Even before Jesus’ day, the word apostle was used to signify a person commissioned by a king to negotiate any affair between him and any other power or people. It is a good word to use since God is the King of kings, and He chose these twelve to represent Him.

Compare yourself to one or two of the apostles. Which one are you most like or which would you want to be like?

1. Simon, who is called Peter – The word “Peter” means a rock. When Jesus first met him, he was known as Simon and Jesus changed his name from Simon to “Peter”. This name was probably given in reference to the “sureness and firmness” which he was to exhibit later in preaching the gospel. Before the Savior’s death, Peter was known to be a little too quick to act, (he cut off a man’s ear and jumped out of a boat to walk on water), and not consider the results. He made several big mistakes, but eventually became very strong in his faith and was strong as a rock.

**Are you like Peter, rock solid? Are you dependable?*

The Twelve Apostles, cont.

2. Andrew – brother of Peter. His name means manly or brave.

**Are you like Andrew, brave enough to speak up when you know a group is doing something wrong?*

3. James – son of Zebedee. Also called one of “the sons of thunder”, which indicates that he might have had a temper. He and his brother John showed their fiery spirit when they asked Jesus to call down fire from heaven to destroy some Samaritans, because the Samaritans refused give Jesus a place to stay for the night when he was on his way to Jerusalem. This James didn’t write the book of James. It is believed that another James, Jesus’ half-brother, wrote the book of James.

**Are you a little thunderous like James? Do you sometimes say things you wish you hadn’t?*

4. John – James’ brother and thus, also a “son of thunder”. John must have changed from a person with a temper to a loving and caring person. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, he told John to take care of his mother, Mary. John wrote the book of John, 1, 2, & 3 John and Revelation, but he doesn’t say that he wrote them. John always spoke of himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved”; but he never gives his name. He seems to have been a humble person.

**Are you like John, someone who is loving and caring? Would someone turn a loved one over to your care? Are you humble?*

5. Philip – The name "Philip" means lover of horses. Philip seemed to be the intellect of the group. If the disciples were talking to someone and needed someone to talk on a higher level, a more intellectual level, they called Philip to help. Acts 8: 26-40 tells of Philip witnessing to an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, and was in charge of all her treasure.

**Are you like Philip, do you try to talk with very proper English? Do you study more than the average person so that you can discuss with knowledgeable people? Do you know the Bible?*

6. Bartholomew is supposed to have been the disciple who was skilled in the law. Possibly one who could speak well and debate.

**Are you like Bartholomew, one who will research and prepare to talk about your faith? Maybe a teacher? At least willing to learn more from the Bible?*

The Twelve Apostles, cont.

7. Thomas is known as "doubting Thomas", because he did not believe the other apostles when they said Jesus had come back to life. He said he needed to see for himself the nail prints in Jesus' hands and spear wound in his side before he believed what they were saying. Maybe we should remember Thomas for his bravery and leadership. When Jesus was heading to Judea (where the Jews were seeking to kill Him), Thomas said to the other disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him".

**Are you like Thomas, a person who is cautious about believing what you hear? Do you want more proof? Would you consider yourself to be brave? Are you willing to be like Thomas and put your life on the line to follow Jesus?*

8. Matthew was a tax collector before he met Jesus, so he was a rich man. He was probably good in math and in organizational skills. He gave up wealth to be a follower of Jesus.

**Are you like Matthew? Which would be more important to you, having a good paying job or working for God and making less? Do you have organizational skills that you are willing to volunteer to your church?*

9. James, the son of Alphaeus – He must have been a man of few words and more of a person of action. He was known as "James the lesser", not because he was of necessarily less importance; but because the other James stood out more and was known as "James the greater", to keep them apart. People did not use last names back then.

**To be like James, the lesser, you would prefer to do what is needed and stay out of the spot-light. Help when the opportunity arises, speak when it is needed; but otherwise lay low. Are you like James?*

10. Thaddaeus means "courage".

**Are you like Thaddaeus, a person of courage?*

11. Simon the Zealot – A member of a group determined to overthrow the Romans who had taken over the country. Jesus often told Simon that it was proper to want to see the social, economic, and political world around him improved, but he would always add: "That is not the business of the [kingdom of heaven](#). Although Simon the Zealot liked to "stir things up", he gradually subdued his fiery nature until he became a powerful and effective preacher of "[Peace](#) on earth and good will among men." Simon was a great debater; he did like to argue. And when it came to dealing with the legalistic minds of the educated Jews or the intellectual [Greeks](#), the task was always assigned to Simon. Simon's strength was his inspirational [loyalty](#). When the [apostles](#) found a man or woman who floundered in indecision about entering the kingdom, they would send for Simon.

**Are you like Simon, willing to speak out and get involved when you see people who are in charge doing things the wrong way? Will you prepare yourself for speaking out?*

The Twelve Apostles, cont.

12. Judas Iscariot was the betrayer of Jesus. He was the disciple who kept up with the group's money.

Application Activity – Distribute a quarter of a sheet of paper to each person. Tell them that they are going to draw stick figure men in eight little pictures:

1. A boat with four little men in it and a fishing pole over the side of the boat. Label the men P, A, J, & J.
2. A man sitting at a table with money falling off the table. Label the man M.
3. A brave man with a tiger in front of him. The man is T.
4. Two men, one pointing at the other. One man is showing his hands to the pointing man. Label the pointing man with a T.
5. A man kneeling. He is J I.
6. A horse drawn carriage with a man inside and a man walking beside it. The man is P.
7. A man holding the Ten Commandments. He is B.
8. A man with his hands cupped in front of his mouth as if making an announcement. He is labeled S Z.

As you go through the list of apostles let them guess which picture is about that that apostle. After the devotion see if they can name the apostles as they look at the pictures. Then go over the pictures again and ask some of them to tell why that picture represents the apostle.

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5. The Resurrection of Jesus Matthew 28

Key Verses – ¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week ... ⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid! ¹⁹ Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Why is it Important – *First in importance is that Jesus has risen, HE IS ALIVE! That is why we need to know where this Key Passage is in the Bible.*

*Second is, “Don’t be afraid!” Those words seem to be a special saying from God. At the announcement of the coming birth of John the Baptist, his father, Zacharias, was told, “Fear not” (Luke 1:13). At the announcement of the coming birth of Jesus, the angel said to Mary, “Fear not” (Luke 1:40). The angel said to the shepherds, “Fear not” (Luke 2:10). In the Old and New Testaments, there are about two hundred places in which God says, “Fear Not”. SO, “**FEAR NOT**”!*

Third is, what was the last thing Jesus said before He returned to heaven? Look at verses 19-20. These words must be very important, they were Jesus’ last words on earth.

Lesson – Look at the first verse. Did you know that the Sabbath is Saturday? If God said to “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy”, why don’t we worship on Saturday? The reason is the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus arose on the day after the Sabbath, which we know as Sunday. As Christians the resurrection changed the day that we worship God. So, if someone ask you why you worship on Sunday, you can say that is because of Easter! Sunday is the day that Jesus arose from the grave.

Why is the resurrection of Jesus important? Knowing that He came back from the dead gives us the knowledge we will be resurrected. Death is not the end for us! If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be. We would have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life.

The most important leaders of all other religions died and stayed dead. The one who started Christianity went from death to living again and promises His followers that they will do the same.

The Resurrection of Jesus, cont.

The resurrection also proves that God is the creator of all life. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death. Paul said, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ's sake, just as our Lord did." ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#)).

"Fear Not!" What are you fearful of? Is it being alone; not living up to expectations; sickness; death? Don't be afraid! It is hard not to be fearful, but do not be overly fearful. Once you know that you will have eternal life in heaven, think of the things that may cause fear as just little bumps in life. Most of all, a Christian should not fear death. A Christian should even look forward to death. Never "rush it", however, because God placed you here for a purpose. Paul said in Philippians 1:21-22 "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me." The more you trust God, the less fear you will have.

Do you think the last words Jesus said before to He returned to heaven would be very important? Look at verses 19-20. What He said to them, He also says to us, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations." Shouldn't everyone know Jesus' last words on earth?

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6. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Key Verses – ²⁵An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what he would say. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to have eternal life?” ²⁷Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.’ They also say, ‘Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.’”
²⁸If you do this, you will have eternal life.”

Why Is It Important? – *The “Parable of the Good Samaritan” is a good story to help us understand that we are to help others who need help. It does not matter if we like them, if they are different from us, if they have wronged us in the past, we are still supposed to help others who are in need. BUT....., calling this passage “The Parable of the Good Samaritan” is a mistake. That title causes us to miss the real message. We end up doing the same thing that the expert or teacher in the law did. He asked a second question to get the conversation off the answer to his first question because he was uncomfortable with the answer that Jesus said gave him.*

Lesson – What is the Parable of the Good Samaritan really about? Before you answer that question let me tell you that your answer is wrong. You are thinking, how can my answer be wrong before I even give it? (Give time for each to tell what he/she thinks the parable is about.)

If you think it is about helping your neighbor or who is your neighbor, then look at the first verse of the passage. (Ask someone to read the verse.) What is the question in Matthew 10:25 that started the conversation?

An expert in the law – a teacher – asked, “What must I do to have eternal life?” That is what this passage is really about. So, “The Parable of the Good Samaritan” is about “*What must I do to have eternal life?*”, *not about just helping your neighbor.* Every Christian should memorize that question and the answer, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. And love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.*” Jesus said, “Do this and you will have eternal life.”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, cont.

Why did Jesus tell the rest of that story called a parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning)? Was it because the teacher of the law was trying to be “smart” or was he really interested? Or was he trying to get Jesus’ mind on to something else? Why change the subject? Because the lawyer did not want to LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL HIS HEART, WITH ALL HIS SOUL, WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL HIS MIND. He just wanted to say I believe in God and I obey the Ten Commandments. Doesn’t that prove that I love God?

Jesus said, “Let me tell you a story.” He told him about a Jewish man getting almost beaten to death by some robbers, and all the people who should have been willing to help him didn’t. A priest (like a preacher) didn’t; a Levite (like a Sunday School teacher) didn’t; but then, a Samaritan (like the dirtiest, ugliest person in your school) did. A Jew would not have helped a Samaritan, so why would a Samaritan help a Jew?

Jesus wanted to get three points across:

1. *You must do more than SAY you LOVE God, you must SHOW it.*
[John 13:34-35](#) CSV says, **“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**
2. *Who is your neighbor? Everyone.*
3. *What you do to others, you do to God.*

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7. Jesus' First Miracle

John 2:1-11

Jesus at a Wedding in Cana

Key Verse – ¹¹ This was Jesus' first miracle ... There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Why Is It Important? – *Miracles bring attention to God. The dictionary definition of a miracle is: a surprising and welcome event that is not able to be explained by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency. The Christian definition would add to that definition that the "divine agency" is GOD and that the event draws attention to God.*

Lesson – We may not really understand what a miracle is because we use the word too often. Here are some of the ways we might use the word in everyday talk. It is a miracle that I made a 100 on that test. It is a miracle that I made it to school on time. It is a miracle that I didn't get into trouble. The cancer is gone, it is a miracle. I could not pay my bills, and someone sent me some money, it is a miracle. The hurricane destroyed all the houses on my street; but left mine standing, it is a miracle.

Are these miracles? Could these things have happened and not be a miracle? There is nothing in any one of them that says God did it. Even though miracles bring about good, the real purpose of a miracle of God is not just for doing something good. It may be hard to believe, but MIRACLES are not primarily for the good of someone, they are to draw attention to God.

When praying for a miracle or crediting something as a miracle, make sure that it draws attention to God. If it does, then it is a miracle!

Jesus' first miracle, which took place at a wedding, showed His connection to God. When Jesus healed people or brought people back to life, it proved His connection to God. The Bible says in Mark 16:20, "... *the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.*"

When you want a miracle, first consider how the miracle will bring attention to God. If it does, then pray, expecting a miracle.

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8. The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:5-15

Key Verses – ⁶ ... I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave...

⁸ The Spirit will come and show the people of this world the truth about sin and God's justice and the judgment.

⁹ The Spirit will show them that they are wrong about sin, because they didn't have faith in me.

¹⁰ They are wrong about God's justice, because I am going to the Father, and you won't see me again.

¹¹ And they are wrong about the judgment, because God has already judged the ruler of this world.

Why Is It Important? – *Jesus said it would be best if He was not with the disciples. How could that be? Better that Jesus would not be there in person to tell the followers what to do? Come on now! With Jesus there in person, the disciples depended on asking Jesus for direction and what to do, with very little thinking on their own. If you think about it, whatever Jesus said to do they would do and then if it did not work for the best they could always blame it on "we followed Him". If Jesus was not physically with them and they began following the Spirit who works from within, they could not really have given credit or blame to any source other than themselves. It has been said, "The braver and more perfect disciple is he who can walk by faith, and not by sight only. "We have the Holy Spirit always present for guidance anytime, anywhere." We are to do what is right and proper because of what is in us – the Holy Spirit – not because someone tells us what to do.*

Lesson – When you go on vacation, who plans the trip and who makes the preparations? Do you pack everything that your family will need? Do you make the cabin or motel reservations? Who plans the food? If fun things are going to be done along the way, who schedules that?

Parents usually do all of that and the children don't do much other than ask, "How much longer?"

The Work of the Holy Spirit, cont.

That was the way it was for the disciples as they traveled with Jesus. They depended on Him to make all the decisions. In this key passage, Jesus is telling the disciples that He will soon be gone, and they will be on their own. They will be making their own plans.

As we travel through life there are going to be days when no one is there to tell us what to do. There are going to be days when we seem to be the only one on the road and we are not sure which way to go. When no one is physically there (just like Jesus was not going to be physically with the disciples), we have to find within ourselves the help we need. In spiritual matters the Holy Spirit is there to help. The Holy Spirit can guide us through life and take us to our eternal home.

The last half of the key passage says that the Holy Spirit will convict (work within) people to make them realize that they are wrong about sin. How are they wrong? Answer: It cannot be forgiven by sacrifices or by doing more good things than bad things. Verse 9 says FAITH in who Jesus is and what He has done for us is the right way to deal with sin.

The Holy Spirit will also show people that they are wrong about God's justice. It is JUST that sin brings death, and God will have justice. But Jesus took our sentence because death cannot keep Him, He is alive and with His Father.

Verse 11 says the Holy Spirit will cause people to know that the Devil has no power in Judgment Day. God has already taken care of that by letting Jesus, whom the Devil could not hold in the prison of death, take our place.

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9. The Conversion of Saul

Acts 9:1-30

Key Verses – ² ... He did this because he wanted to arrest and take to Jerusalem any man or woman who had accepted the Lord's Way. ¹⁵ ... I have chosen him to tell foreigners, kings, and the people of Israel about me. ²⁰ Soon he went to the Jewish meeting places and started telling people that Jesus is the Son of God. ²⁶ When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the followers. But they were all afraid of him, because they did not believe he was a true follower. ²⁷ Then Barnabas helped him by taking him to the apostles. He explained how Saul had seen the Lord and how the Lord had spoken to him. Barnabas also said that when Saul was in Damascus, he had spoken bravely in the name of Jesus.

Why is it Important? – *This Key Passage is important because it shows how a really bad person can become good. It tells how big, bad Saul became the person we know as Paul, who was possibly the most important Christian leader in the beginnings of the Christian church. It also tells of how we need to look for the good in people and be willing to help them become part of the church family.*

Lesson – Who is Saul? Who is Paul? Same person! Saul is his Jewish name. But to be more accepted to the Romans and others in the countries around there, he was called Paul, which is the Greek version of his name. We might think of it as his “go-by” name. **This Saul or Paul is probably the most well-known and most important leader in the early Christian church.**

His name is attached to almost half of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. He either wrote the book or someone wrote the book from letters that he had written to the churches and thus gave him credit for the information in the NT book. Most of how we do things as Christians and in the church were written down by Paul as he received the information from God. He called himself an apostle; but he really wasn't because he did not travel with Jesus when Jesus chose His twelve apostles.

His claim to apostleship is that the resurrected Jesus appeared to him and chose him as described in this key passage. How bad was the “bad boy” Saul? He was a builder of tiny houses- a tent maker; but he spent most of his time playing “Dog the Bounty Hunter”. He went from town to town searching for “Followers of the Way” – Christians who accepted Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior. These Christians were not liked by the Jews who ran the churches.

The Conversion of Saul, cont.

The Roman government did not like the Christians either. The Romans saw the Christians as a large group following a man that the government thought might lead the Christians to riot and fight against the government. In time, people would learn what Christians were really like; but for a few years there was a lot of misinformation about them.

Paul was a trained Jewish church leader and he was a Roman. He had double reasons for hating Christians, so he searched for them and put them in jail, had them whipped, stoned, and who knows what. In the book of Galatians, Paul described the kind of person he used to be, he wrote, *“For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.”*

Paul, like many of us, thought he was serving God when he did “religious” things; but without LOVE those church things are not what God wants. God asked Saul, **“Why are you persecuting Me?”** Saul could have said, I am not bothering you, I am bothering the people who do not obey your law, who do not follow your rules of conduct in the church. In The Conversion of Saul, the heavenly light blinded him, and Saul was confronted by the true nature of his crime. He was persecuting God, and not just man. Saul thought that he was serving God by viciously attacking Christians, but then he discovered that he had been fighting against God. That has happened many times throughout history. Men who were convinced they were doing God a favor, have done much of the worst persecuting and torturing ever practiced.

The Muslims, and other groups who believe in God, think they are serving God; but they have hate as part of their way of serving and that is what Jesus taught was at odds with what God wants.

Remember that Paul was a Roman citizen. That fact opened up doors for him that were not open to the twelve apostles since they were not Romans. Verse 15 quotes the Lord as saying, **“I have chosen him to tell foreigners, kings, and the people of Israel about me.”**

Verse 27 tells of how Paul needed help in being accepted by the other disciples. Who could blame them for being cautious? A man named Barnabas stuck his neck out for Paul. He told the others that he had been watching Paul and listening to him. He told them that Paul had been willing to talk about Jesus even when old friends, people he worked for, and even the Romans, were now on the opposite side of what Paul was teaching. There may be a day when we see the need to stand up for someone who is trying to change his life. Perhaps we can be a friend and, even help him find an opportunity to serve in God’s church.

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10. The Love Chapter

1 Corinthians 13

Key Verses – ⁸ Love never fails! ¹³ For now there are faith, **hope**, and love. But of these three, the greatest is love.

Why Is It Important? – *What is the definition of LOVE? This passage tells us the definition according to God's dictionary. To know if we are a part of God's family and if we love God, we can test our expression of LOVE with this passage.*

Lesson – The Bible has a lot to say about love and the love that a Christian **MUST** have. Listen to these verses.

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not **love** does not know **God**, because **God is love**.

1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the **love God** has for us. **God is love**. Whoever lives in **love** lives in **God**, and **God** in them.

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen **God**; but if we **love** one another, **God** lives in us and his **love is** made complete in us.

1 John 3:10 This **is** how we know who the children of **God** are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what **is** right **is** not **God's** child, nor **is** anyone who does not **love** their brother and sister.

Hebrews 6:10 **God is** not unjust; he will not forget your work and the **love** you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

So, if you have God in your life, you will have love! In John 13:35, the Bible says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We definitely need to know what love is.

The Love Chapter teaches us what LOVE is.

The lesson for this passage is written in italics following the verses.

¹What if I could speak all languages of humans **and** of angels? If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

²What if I could prophesy and understand all secrets **and** all knowledge?
How smart are you? If you do not express your smartness with love, you are just a lot of noise.

The Love Chapter, cont.

And what if I had faith that moved mountains? I would be nothing, unless I loved others.
*How much faith do you have? Do you have faith that impresses other people?
Do you use your faith to impress or because you love to help?*

³ What if I gave away all that I owned and let myself be burned alive? I would gain nothing, unless I loved others.

Wow, what a sacrifice it would be to give away all that you have! But, if you do it for show or to bring some later reward to yourself, and not out of love, you have gained nothing.

⁴ Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or ⁵ rude.

*Give some examples of being **kind**.*

*How is love shown by being **patient**?*

***Jealousy** makes us do things that are hateful. **Jealousy** hurts the other person; but it also eats down into our heart and makes us miserable.*

***Boastful**? "I am better than you." "I am the best." "Look at the award I received." Are these statements which express love?*

***Proud**? Someone who's prideful is arrogant and disdainful. Prideful people don't usually have many friends, since they think they're superior to everyone else.*

***Rude**? A rude person does not care about the feelings of others.*

Love isn't selfish or quick-tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.
(Think about this as a way of expressing love. Say this verse over and over - five times.)

*It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.
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It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.*

⁶ Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil.

⁷ Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting.

⁸ Love never fails! Everyone who prophesies will stop, and unknown languages will no longer be spoken. All that we know will be forgotten.

⁹ We don't know everything, and our prophecies are not complete.

The Love Chapter, cont.

¹⁰ But what is perfect will someday appear, and what isn't perfect will then disappear.

¹¹ When we were children, we thought and reasoned as children do. But when we grew up, we quit our childish ways.

¹² Now all we can see of God is like a cloudy picture in a mirror. Later we will see him face to face. We don't know everything, but then we will, just as God completely understands us.

¹³ For now there are faith, hope, and love. But of these three, the greatest is love.

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GENESIS 1:31

KJV – And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CSB – God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

ESV – And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

As a family: Read Genesis 1

Try to imagine what it was like before creation. God was there before creation. He has always been and always will be. There was nothing else. Close your eyes and wait until all you can see is darkness. That is what God started with. God started with nothing. If we were to make something we would start with clay, wood, plastic, paper, something, and then make something else. I tell you what, I want some flowers, and trees, and a peanut nut butter jelly sandwich. Tell one of each of those to appear. Not going to happen, is it? God just “spoke” and there it was He said, I want dirt, water, the earth. Next was sun, moon, plants, animals, and people. He spoke and there it is! Then God looked at all that He had made said it was good. No, He didn’t, He said it was VERY good.

This week we are going to memorize Genesis 1:31.

According to Genesis 1:27, how are people different than God's other creation? (People were made in the image of God.)

How does the truth that people are made in the image of God change how you see yourself and others?

In verse 27, we also learn that God created people: male and female. God created men, and they are wonderfully made in God's image with a special purpose. God created women, and they are wonderfully made in God's image with a special purpose. Sometimes it is easy to look down on the other gender which is different from us. (Especially as kiddos – "Girls Rules, Boys Drool" etc.) But God created each person, each gender wonderfully.

Memorize Genesis 1:27 this week. Each day say it and remind yourself of the truth.

Family challenge: This week find a way to remind each family member he is special. Leave a note on his pillow – "I'm glad God created you," or just give him a hug and tell him you are glad God created him. Be mindful of what you say about others (boys/girls) and remind yourself that EVERY person was made in God's image.

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DEUTERONOMY 16:17

KJV – Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

CSB – Everyone must appear with a gift suited to his means, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.

ESV – Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

What is happening in Deuteronomy? God's people, the Israelites, were given instructions on how to worship him. Here in chapter 16, they were told specifically how to celebrate the Passover and other festivals. Each event was to be celebrated so they would remember what God has done for them. God knows people forget easily. We get busy in our everyday lives and forget to truly stop and take time to worship God. Here the people were told to give a gift to God. God did not tell them specifically what that gift is to be or how much each person should give. He said it was according to what they had, that they should give.

As a family: Read Deuteronomy 16. Read Deuteronomy 16:17 again.

What do you have that God has given you? As kids, we don't really have money. We don't have jobs. But we do have gifts we can give. Maybe you sing. That is a gift. You might not sing like Mercy Me (or another amazing artist or group), but you sing. So, sing the best you can to honor God. Maybe you are a good reader or writer. That is a gift. You might not have written a novel, but you can write. So, write a note to someone who needs to be encouraged. Read your Bible. Learn and grow. Maybe you have the strength to open a door or carry things. That is a gift. It really is. Imagine not having the strength to do this – not everyone can. Help someone get groceries in their car. Hold the door open for someone.

What can you do? What gifts do you have? How can you use those gifts as a gift to God?

As a kid, you might not have discovered many gifts you have yet. But they are there. You might think your gifts are small. They are not. Anything you give or do as worship to God is a blessing.

Learn this verse this week. And remember that God has given you gifts. Don't compare your gifts to others. Don't think you don't have as much to give. God has blessed you. So, do your best to honor Him with what you have.

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JOSHUA 24:24

KJV – And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

CSB – So the people said to Joshua, “We will worship the LORD our God and obey him.

ESV – And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.

Family Preparation: In advance, plan to play sounds and music from many different devices. Turn on your television, play a CD, play a video on your smart phone, have a parent give instructions to the child (children) to bring you a drink of water while there is a cacophony of noisiness. Make sure there are many different, noisy sounds happening all at once.

Turn all the devices off. Enjoy 10 seconds of quiet.

Read Joshua 24:24 from the version your child is using for Bible Drill. This verse tells us we can choose to serve God and obey Him. That is very difficult to do when we aren't focused on God and His word. All day long we are bombarded with the noisiness that comes from life. We hear commercials, we read billboards, and we listen to friends. We are glued to our cell phones. We can make choices. The most important choice is to make time to hear from God. We hear from Him when we read the Bible, when we pray and when we are studying and memorizing scripture. We can't serve Him and obey Him until we make time to focus on Him.

Memorize Joshua 24:24 this week and ask God how He would like you to serve Him and obey Him this week.

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1 CHRONICLES 16:9

KJV - Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

CSB – Sing to him; sing praise to him; tell about all his wondrous works!

ESV – Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Have everyone in the family share their favorite songs or a couple of songs that they really like? What is it about that song that you like? Is it the beat or the music? Is it catchy? Does it make you feel something – like happy or sad? Does it express how you feel?

There are many reasons we like certain songs. If you want a fun game, have each family member hum or sing a part of their favorite song or any song and see who can be first to name the song.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:9

What do you think this verse means? What does it mean to sing to God; to sing praise to God; to tell about his "wondrous works"? What is a wondrous work? What "wondrous works" has God done? Make a list as a family.

If you want to really challenge yourself, see if you can make up a song or even a rap that praises God.

Can you think of a song you know that praises God – one that when you hear it or sing it, your heart praises God. What about this one?

Praise Him, praise Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love
Praise Him, praise Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love

Serve Him, serve Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love
Serve Him, serve Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love

Love Him, love Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love
Love Him, love Him
All ye little children
God is love, God is love

Memorize 1 Chronicles 16:9. This week, really look for things you can praise God for, and then do it. You don't have to sing out loud. Just stop and praise God in your heart for who He is and what He has done.

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PSALM 56:3

KJV – What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

CSB – When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

ESV – When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Family Activity: Write down on slips of paper things people are afraid of: spiders, sharks, the dark, heights, etc. Fold up each slip of paper and place it in a bowl. Have each family member take a folded slip and look at it. That person must act out, without using words, and try to get someone to guess which fear it is.

Read this list of phobias. See if someone can guess what kind of fear this is.

Achluophobia – Fear of darkness
Arachnophobia – Fear of spiders
Bacteriophobia – Fear of bacteria
Brontophobia – Fear of thunder and lightning
Chorophobia – Fear of dancing
Claustrophobia – Fear of confined spaces
Decidophobia – Fear of making decisions

Everyone experiences fear. Some fear is helpful. I fear getting burned, so I don't touch the fire. I fear getting hit by a car, so I look before stepping in the street. No matter what kind of fear you have, this verse is a great verse to memorize and really declare. When I am afraid – whenever that is, no matter what fear it is – I put my trust in you.

Who is you in this verse? God.

What does it mean to trust in God? God is The Creator of all. He can conquer all. So, He is trustworthy. We can trust Him to be there and help us when we are afraid.

Take the note card or piece of paper where you wrote your fear. Write the verse on the paper.

This week say this verse aloud, or silently in your heart, whenever you are afraid. God is real. He loves you. He cares about you. He cares about comforting you and giving you strength when you are afraid. You are not alone. God is always with you. So, remind yourself of these truths when you are afraid.

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PSALM 119:11

KJV – Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

CSB – I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.

ESV – I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

As a family: Read Psalm 119: 9-12

Let each family member name something he collects. Talk about what that collection means to him. Talk about how excited each person might be when he adds to his collection.

Name some things that you treasure. It may seem that things we treasure are more about feelings and emotions.

Verse 9 teaches us that to be pure we need to keep God's word.

Verse 10 says we should seek God with our whole heart and that is how we stay true to God's commands.

Verse 11 shows us the importance of knowing God's word by heart. This verse tells us to memorize God's word. If I memorize something, I know it by _____. So, if I hide God's word in my heart it means I am memorizing it. And if I memorize God's word it will help me when I am about to sin. A good example is, someone speaks harshly to me. Maybe speaking very loud and cursing. I am tempted to give them back what they are giving me; but then I remember [Proverbs 15:1](#) from Bible Drills, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger". The person's heart softens, and they end up respecting me and being kind to me.

Verse 12 tells us that God will teach us His statutes (His ways) when we focus on Him.

We are instructed to hide God's word in our hearts, to treasure His word and to store it up in our hearts.

Family challenge: Cut out red paper hearts. Write Psalm 119:11 on the heart. On the back draw a picture of you hiding God's word in your heart or glue pictures of a Bible and a child reading the Bible. This week memorize Psalm 119:11.

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PROVERBS 22:1

KJV – A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

CSB – A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold.

ESV – A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

Ask: What if you won a million dollars? What would you buy? What would you do? That is a fun question to ask. Having a lot of money would be great in a lot of ways.

This week's verse is found in Proverbs. Proverbs is a book of wise sayings; truths that can help you.

The verse Proverbs 22:1 tells that there are things even greater than a lot of money.

What are they? A good name and loving favor.

What does this mean? What does it mean to have a good name? What does it mean to favor someone?

Think of someone you know who has a good name. In other words, someone that you respect because he or she is known as good. Someone who truly lives for God. Have each family member share about that person. Wouldn't it be great if when students at your school hear your name they have warm feelings? Just your name makes people feel good.

Being someone who others respect, being someone who points others to God, being someone who shows what God is like from how they live and treat others. WOW – that is the ultimate life!

There is nothing wrong with having money. Something is wrong when having money becomes more important to you than living for God.

Learn this verse as a family. This week remind yourself of this truth.

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ISAIAH 6:8

KJV – Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

CSB – Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who should I send? Who will go for us? I said: Here I am. Send me.

ESV – And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Isaiah was a prophet. God used prophets in the Bible to warn people to turn from their sin and turn back to God AND to give people hope that God was sending a Messiah. Isaiah was a man called by God to announce such things to Israel.

In Chapter 6, we learn that King Uzziah has died. God comes to Isaiah. In verses 2-4, we see a powerful description of God and his holiness. In verse 5, we see that Isaiah feels guilty and unworthy in the presence of God. God cleanses him of his sin – symbolized by the coal. Isaiah then feels worthy to say, "Here I am, send me" when God asks him to be His messenger. Isaiah realizes that God has given him special purpose. Because of God's forgiveness he feels he can fulfill that purpose.

As a family: Give each person a piece of paper. Draw a picture of what you think God looks like, or what it would be like to see Him face to face. You could play a song like Mercy Me's "I Can Only Imagine" while you draw. Let each family member share his picture.

Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Share what you have learned about the passage.

Ask: What do you think God wants us to learn from this passage? He does have a special purpose for each of us. We, like Isaiah, are sinners. When we accept God's gift of salvation, we become clean before God. Then we are worthy to fulfill the purpose He has for us. What is God asking you to do?

Learn the verse as a family. As you repeat it, think about the purpose God has for you and be ready to say YES to him.

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ISAIAH 45:5

KJV – I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

CSB – I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God but me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know me.

ESV – I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,

There is a Hindu temple in Atlanta, Georgia. It is big and absolutely beautiful. There are thousands of carved figures of false gods on the walls and on the ceilings. One of the false gods has the head of an elephant and the body of a boy.

We took our kids there to show them the difference in how we worship the One True God and how they worship false gods made of stone. You are not allowed to talk above a quiet whisper in the temple to the false gods. Yet we talk aloud and don't pay attention in the presence of the One True God in our churches.

It is so quiet and very peaceful in the Hindu temple. We asked our kids, "Would you use your phone in the temple or send a text message to a friend?" "Would you pass notes to a friend or talk bad about people while at the temple?" "Would you run through the halls of the temple, make fun of people, or tell jokes that were not appropriate?" Their answer was always "no". We would not behave in the temple built to false gods the way we behave in the house of the ONE True God.

Another question we asked our kids was, "Do these false gods love the people who worship them? Do the false gods have a plan for their lives?" Of course, the answer is no.

Next, I asked them a question that I am going to ask you, "Do you worship false gods?" Of course, the answer is no ... or is it?

Really, anything we put as more important than God is considered a false god. We put so many things before God. Three simple questions to ask yourself are:

1. How often do I read my Bible? Is it just during Sunday School or Bible Drill?
2. How often do I pray? Is it only at dinner and bedtime?
3. How often and why do I miss church and Wednesday night church?

Isaiah 45:5, cont.

I think when we look at the answers to these three questions, we would have to agree that we have quite a few things in our lives that distract us from the ONE True God. We may not say they are more important than God, but our actions say something differently.

A lot of people have a schedule that looks like this: Wake up, get ready for school. Go to school for most of the day. Go to practice of some sort. Eat dinner, do homework, go to bed. See what is missing from this picture? God got pushed out of the way for everything else to take His place.

It is not easy to put God back as being our ONE True God, but we have to do it! We are going to have to figure out how we can make time for God. What do you need to do to put God back into the number one position in your life?

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MALACHI 3:10

KJV – Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

CSB – “Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way,” says the LORD of Armies. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.

ESV – Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

“Try it. You will like it.” This was a famous commercial for Alka Seltzer – a medicine you can take when you have eaten too much, and your stomach feels sick. They were basically saying, “I dare you to eat all of this. It is okay because our medicine will make you feel better.” When we were children, we stopped saying, “I dare you.” We said, “Try it, you will like it.”

Malachi 3:10 is the only place in the Bible where God basically says, “I dare you,” or “Try it. You will like it.” God says, “*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse*” or the full tithe of ten percent. God tells us why He needs it. Then He issues the dare or the challenge. I love it in the King James, God says, “*and prove me now herewith.*” I can just hear Him saying that with a great big booming voice.

The other two Bible Drill versions say it a little differently, but still the same meaning of I DARE YOU. The ESV says, “*and therefore put me to the test*”. CSB says, “*Test me in this way.*”

In the next part of the verse, God says what He will do if you accept His challenge and do your part of bringing in the tithe. He says, “*See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it,*” or until there is no more need. One version says, “*a blessing without measure.*” We have all heard our preacher say that you can not out give God. He will honor our gifts and bless us if we put Him first.

Malachi 3:10, cont.

As kids, how can we put God first? We can read our Bible before we play on the internet, our phones, or watch tv and Netflix. When we get money for our birthday, or any other occasion, we should give our tithe. For every dollar, you should give a dime. For every \$10.00 you should give a dollar. That's kind of easy to do until you get a hundred dollars and God asks you to give \$10.00. But the challenge still stands. He says, you put me first and I will bless you and honor you by pouring out a blessing so big that you won't be able to measure it. This doesn't mean you will become a millionaire or that your life will be perfect. It just means that God is going to bless you in an unbelievable way! So, let's all put God first in our lives. Let's read our Bibles before we play. Let's honor Him with our money. Let's all receive a blessing from God without measure. Try it. You will like it. I double dare you!

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MATTHEW 28:19-20

KJV – Go ye therefore and teach nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

CSB – Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

ESV – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

These verses are at the end of the book of Matthew. They tell us what Jesus' last words were to His followers before he returned to Heaven. Imagine what it was like to be there that day. Jesus' followers listened to and obeyed Him. They watched Him be crucified. They rejoiced in His resurrection. Now He had some last words for them.

This event takes place 40 days after the Resurrection. Would you listen closely if the smartest person you every knew, a person who could tell you things about yourself that no one knows, said they have to leave; but before they do, they have some special instructions for you? Yes, you would listen, like you have never listen to anyone before. Jesus has some instructions for His followers. That includes you.

They are to GO and make disciples of ALL nations.

Matthew 28:19-20, cont.

As a family: Talk about each part of this verse.

Go and make disciples. A disciple of Christ is a follower of Christ. So, we are to go tell people about the salvation they can find in Jesus.

If they accept Christ, we need to see that they are baptized, just like the verse says.

Then we are to teach them about how to grow in Christ.

And Jesus leaves his promise that He will always be with us. Jesus said He will be with the disciples and He will be with us when we go to witness, and when we are teaching God's word.

This passage is known as the Great Commission. A commission is an important job given to someone. We are commissioned to share Christ and help new Christians grow. This is our purpose, our task.

Memorize this passage as a family. Break the passage into four parts and learn each part and then add another.

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LUKE 2:52

KJV – And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

CSB – And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

ESV – And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Does your family have a growth chart? Markings on the wall? Or a book where you record each child's height each year? Or do you let the doctor keep up with it?

Why do you think people keep track of their growth? What other kinds of growth do people keep up with? Weight? Learning things?

This week we are learning a verse that talks about growth. It is found in Luke 2. Look up Luke 2 in your Bible.

What was happening in this chapter? It tells of Jesus' birth and of Him as a boy in the temple. Then, at the end of the chapter we have our verse for this week, Luke 2:52.

Then, in chapter 3, Jesus is an adult. So, Luke 2:52 tells that Jesus grew. Jesus was fully God and fully man. So, He was God – holy and perfect. He was also man and grew like a person does and experienced emotions and life experiences just as we all do.

But He never sinned.

Jesus grew. This verse tells us He grew in several ways.

In wisdom – He grew mentally.

In stature – He grew physically.

In favor with God – He grew spiritually.

In favor with man – He grew socially.

If Jesus grew in these areas, we should too.

Take a moment and think about how you have grown and continue to grow in these areas.

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LUKE 19:10

KJV – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

CSB – “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”

ESV – “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Take a look at Luke 19. What do you know about Zacchaeus? If you know the song, sing it.

What do you think God wants us to learn from this passage ?

In verse 10, Jesus tells us He came to seek and save the lost. Jesus came to save people – ALL people. Zacchaeus was someone people did not respect or like. Why do you think that was?

But Jesus did not care about that. Jesus loved him. People were shocked Jesus would go to the house of a "sinner". But Jesus was trying to show them He came to save sinners – which we ALL are.

Have you ever done what the people in this passage did – judge someone as unworthy, thinking you were better than he?

We have all probably been guilty of this at some point. We should remember that we are all sinners in need of Jesus.

Once we have found forgiveness in Jesus, we should be grateful and should want to share that with everyone.

Memorize this verse as a family. When you recite it, remember that Jesus came to save ALL people, and we should love all people enough to share Jesus' love with all.

Just for fun – play a game of hide and seek.

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JOHN 4:24

KJV – God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

CSB – “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.”

ESV – “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Read John 4:1-26. In this passage, Jesus was at a well and met a woman who was there to get water.

She was a Samaritan woman, and Jews usually did not speak with Samaritans. But Jesus loves ALL.

We find out in this passage that she has done things that are wrong. Jesus spoke with her and showed her love and forgiveness.

She is touched by this and believes He is a prophet of God. In verse 19, she states that she knows Jews go to Jerusalem to worship. She would like to worship God.

Jesus explains to her that a time is coming when everyone will worship God – through salvation in Jesus. He is explaining to her that He has come to bring salvation to everyone – Jew and non-Jew.

God is Spirit and His worshippers must worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Because of the salvation we have in Jesus, we can truly worship God as we are clean before Him and have the Holy Spirit in us.

Memorize this verse as a family.

Talk about what you think it means and why this is an important verse to learn.

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JOHN 13:35

KJV – By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

CSB – By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

ESV – By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

One of these days you are going to wonder, ‘Am I saved, how do I know for sure that I am saved and will go to heaven when I die?’

This verse and 1 John 3:10 gives you the answer to that question. The short answer is **L O V E ! Do you love others?**

1 John 3:10 says, “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what **is** right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”

You are part of God’s family, a child of His, a disciple, IF you have love for one another.” Let me tell you something. Are you ever jealous of what someone else has? That shows a lack of love. Well actually there is love in jealousy. Love for self. And love for self-cancels out love for others. You might should be afraid that you are not a disciple if you have jealousy in your life.

“I don’t take anything off of anybody”. That is another way of saying I remember what someone does to me and I get even. In the Love Chapter of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13 it says, LOVE does not keep record of wrongs that others do. So not holding a grudge is a sign that you have love.

Being supportive and loyal are signs of love.

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not **love** does not know **God**, because **God is love**.

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen **God**; but if we **love** one another, **God** lives in us and his **love is** made complete in us.

Matthew 25:31-46 is often call **The Final Exam** for Christians. Read the final exam and see if you can past the test? It says a lot of people will say I love God; but they do not do anything for the poor, or the sick, or people in prison (or their family), or strangers. God says what you do for others is what you do for Him. So, don’t try to say you love God when you do not love people. God says, “I do not believe you”!

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ACTS 4:12

KJV – Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

CSB – “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

ESV – “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

I am glad our Bible is very clear about how we are to be saved. I am glad the Bible is clear about how we can have a right relationship with the ONE True God and live forever in heaven with Him.

I used to be a missionary in New York. Not in the city, but way out in the country on an Indian Reservation. A lot of people on the reservation were Christians. We even had a Christian Chief. Christians worship the ONE True God. There were still a lot of people who still worshipped the false gods of their ancestors. They did not believe what Isaiah 45:5 says about God being the ONE True God. They believed that if you prayed to this animal, or this type of god, that the false god would smooth things over with the Great Spirit. Their Great Spirit is not like The ONE True God we serve, even though their names sound the same.

The Great Creator is a false god. The Great Creator has masks called a “false faces.” They are made of wood. The false faces for the Great Creator are made of hay. The masks are put in the woods to protect the people. Children would come to our church with burn marks on their foreheads where they had to have the bad stuff burned out of them when they did things wrong. They did this to keep the Great Creator happy. Remember, the Great Creator is not the same as our ONE True God.

We do not have to make a sacrifice by having hot coals put on our heads for our sins to be forgiven. Our God made the sacrifice for us by sending His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the only way that our sins can be forgiven. We do not get our sins forgiven because we are good, or because we had a medicine man burn them out of us. We have our sins forgiven because God tells us that He sent His son Jesus to be our One and Only Savior. All we have to do is tell God that we have done things that are not pleasing to Him and ask Jesus to come into our lives and forgive us of our sins.

Acts 4:12, cont.

I am glad that The ONE True God loved us enough to send His One and Only Son, Jesus to be our Savior.

Have you ever asked Jesus to be your Savior? If not, talk with your parents, your teacher, or your pastor. They can tell how you can have your sins forgiven.

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ROMANS 10:9

KJV – That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

CSB – If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ESV – because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

This week we are learning an important verse on salvation.

What do you think it takes to be saved?

What are some things the world wrongly believes will save you? (going to church, being good, being in a Christian family, etc.)

Here, Paul (who wrote the book of Romans), clearly states how to be saved.

Confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord". To confess is to admit something. We need to admit that we need Jesus and that He is Lord. We admit that we want Him to be in charge of our life.

Believe in your heart that Jesus not only died for your sins but rose again. We need to believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose again.

If we do this, we are saved.

Learn this verse as a family.

This verse is so wonderful to know and share. If you have not yet accepted Christ, this lays out exactly what to do to be saved.

If you are saved, this verse helps you know what to share when someone asks you how to be saved.

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

KJV – Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

CSB – Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

ESV – Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Look up in the dictionary, in a book or online, the meaning of the word Temple.

Give each person a piece of paper. Draw a picture of what you think a temple looks like.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16.

1 Corinthians is a letter written by Paul to the church at Corinth. The people there were known as Corinthians, just as people in America are known as Americans. Paul was writing to the church there to teach and encourage them. Here he teaches them something very important.

When you became a Christian, God's Spirit lives in (dwells in) you. You, then, are God's temple.

Why do you think Paul wanted the people to know this?

How does knowing you are God's temple help you?

Does it make you want to treat your body differently than if you were not God's temple?

Do you have rules for how to act or how to treat your church building? What are they?

Why would you have rules like that?

Should you have some rules for yourself knowing you are God's temple – how to act, what you allow in to your body and mind?

Give each person a new sheet of paper.

Draw a picture of yourself and write the verse 1 Corinthians 3:16 on it. Put it up somewhere in your house this week so you will see it.

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EPHESIANS 2:8

KJV – For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

CSB – For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift

ESV – For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

This week we are learning a verse that can really help you as you understand salvation and explain it to others.

This verse is found in Ephesians. Ephesians is a letter written by Paul to the church in Ephesus. The people there were known as Ephesians just as people in America are known as Americans.

The church there was full of new Christians. Paul wanted to write to teach them and encourage them. With this verse, he is reminding them that you cannot do something to earn salvation. Salvation is a gift from God.

We are saved through our faith in Christ. Grace is unmerited (undeserved/unearned) favor. Because of God's grace, He gives us salvation through His son, Jesus. No one can earn salvation. It is a gift! This is important to understand. We need to understand it to accept God's gift and to tell others about Him.

A lot of people go through life trying to earn God's love. Some try to be good or do good to make up for their sins. The only way to be saved is through faith in Jesus. It is NOT something we can do or earn ourselves.

We only have salvation because God gives it to us.

Memorize this verse as a family. Break it down into 4 parts to help learn it.

This week, say this verse as a family. Pray that God will give you the chance to tell someone about Jesus this week.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

KJV – In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

CSB – give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

ESV – give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

As a family: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

List the 3 things that this scripture teaches us to do:

1. Be joyful – Rejoice;
2. Pray;
3. Give thanks.

Have each family member share something that brings him joy.

Have each family member say a one sentence prayer to God – it can be something for which he is praising God for or it could be a request.

Have each family member share something for which he is thankful.

Discuss: There are sad things that happen to us that we are not thankful for. In fact, we wish they did not happen to us at all. God is telling us here that we can be thankful in all circumstances because He helps us no matter what is happening. We live on earth where things are not perfect. Bad things can happen, but the really great thing is that God's will is for us to trust Him. He uses all the things in our life to grow us and shape us. Read Romans 8:28. Discuss how God uses everything in our life, the good and the bad, to work together for our good. So, go ahead and thank him. You can trust Him to work out His will for you.

Family Challenge: Write a Thank You Note to God specifically thanking Him for loving you.

Bonus: Write a Thank You Note to your Bible Drill leader thanking them for helping you memorize scripture.

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1 TIMOTHY 4:12

KJV – Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

CSB – Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

ESV – Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

There is an old saying that goes like this, "If being a Christian was against the law, would there be enough evidence against you to get you arrested?"

I stayed in trouble as a kid in school. I stayed in trouble at church, too. I spent more time sitting by myself in the hallway than I did in the classroom. I didn't get into trouble for being disrespectful. I got in trouble for always talking and not paying attention.

My fifth-grade classmates were horrible. They made me look good. They talked back to the teacher, they cheated on tests, and used bad language. Most of them claimed to be Christians and attended church each week. Our teacher was not a Christian. He did not believe in God, so obviously he didn't believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

The actions of our class did not say much about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Did our class show the teacher how a person who is a Christian should act? Are Christians disrespectful? Do they talk disrespectfully? I think our teacher did not care too much for Christians because of the way our class behaved. I know he did not want his kids to turn out like us.

The Apostle Paul told young Timothy and us to set an example for the believers in the way we talk and in the way we act. We are to show others how Christians love, how to trust in God. We are to show how to live a life that is pure.

How does your teacher know that you are a Christian? Would your teacher be surprised to hear that you go to church? Would your teacher want to come to your church by the way you act and treat others? What can you do to show your teacher and others that you are a follower of Christ? If you are homeschooled, how can you live your Christian life with your brothers and sisters? How can you become more obedient to Christ with your family?

Remember, Paul calls us to be examples of Christ.

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2 TIMOTHY 2:15

KJV – Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

CSB – Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

ESV – Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

The book of 1 Timothy was written by Paul to Timothy to encourage him as he shared Jesus with others.

Timothy is a young Christian and Paul wants to help him learn and grow.

Read 2 Timothy 2:15 as a family.

Split the verse into 4 parts. Look at each part.

What do you think this verse is trying to teach?

What do you think this verse tells us about the importance of studying God's Word?

Timothy needed to study God's Word, so he could be a good example and teach God's Word to others.

We need to study God's Word for the same reasons Timothy needed to.

What are some reasons we don't study God's Word more?

We could all do better.

As a family, come up with a list of ways you could do better as a family to study God's Word. Then chose one thing you will try to do this week. Then do your best to do it.

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JAMES 1:22

KJV – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

CSB – But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

ESV – But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Preparation: Get a handheld mirror or use the camera app on your phone.

As a family: Read James 1:22-25

What does it mean when we say someone is “all talk and no action”? (Make sure not to mention specific people.) Ask your children: What instruction do we get from James 1:22? Answer: to not only hear God’s word but to do it.

What happens if we only hear God’s word, but we don’t obey it? Answer: we deceive ourselves. What does it mean to deceive? Explain that to deceive is to mislead; to cause someone to believe what is false.

Allow each family member to look in the mirror. Put the mirror behind you and see if the children can describe what they look like. Read James 1: 23-24. Discuss how crazy it would be to see yourself in the mirror and then completely forget what you look like. Explain that we don’t forget what we look like; in the same way, when we hear God’s word we are to immediately obey it. We are to do what it says. God doesn’t change His word to allow us to act any way we want. We are to change our life, so our behaviors are in line with God’s word. To be in God’s will we are to:

1. Hear God’s word;
2. Do God’s word;
3. Not deceive ourselves.

This week memorize James 1:22. Write down an example of something you did this week to “do God’s word”.

**BLUE CYCLE
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1 PETER 4:9

KJV – Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

CSB – Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

ESV – Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Look up the definition of hospitality. Try to come up with a good definition for what hospitality means in this verse.

What are some things we do today that are examples of hospitality?

Have you ever been asked to do something that you did not want to do? Maybe a chore? Have you ever done it (but complained or grumbled about it)?

Parents-share a chore you did not like doing as a child (or maybe even now)?

Kids-do you have something you have been asked or expected to do that was hard to do without complaining?

Why would this be a verse we need to learn?
Is it t hard to do things for others sometimes?

Is it hard to do it without complaining?

If we are not to complain or grumble, what should our attitude be?

This is an easy verse to learn, but a hard one to live out.

Let everyone come up with one thing they could do this week. Then do it without complaining or grumbling.

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1 JOHN 4:21

KJV – And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

CSB – And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister.

ESV – And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

As a family: Read 1 John 4:21 in the version your child is using for Bible Drill. Talk about the difference between a commandment and a suggestion. Use the illustration of a stop sign or a red light. It is the law that we stop at those. It is like a commandment. What happens if we don't stop at a red light? We may get a ticket, we may have an accident, we may get hurt. In the same way, God is giving us a command in this verse:

1. We are to love God;
2. We are to love our brother (and sister).

How do we show love for God? Let each family member discuss what each one does to show his love for God. Avoid 'churchy' answers. Use current actions you have done this week that shows your love for God.

How do we show love to others? (Our brothers, sisters, or people we may not even know.) Let each family member discuss specific actions he has taken this week to show love to others.

Memorize 1 John 4:21 this week. Each day this week try to be an "undercover agent" to a family member and do something that shows your love for him.

Family Challenge: Plan a loving service project you can do to show love in your community. You could bake cookies or make a craft and give it to a church member, a neighbor or someone in a nursing home.